

Specification Amendments

Please amend the Specification as follows:

Page 4-5, bridging paragraph:

-- This object is achieved by the invention, ~~features of the characterizing clause of claim 1 and the features of the dependent claims.~~ Accordingly, the seal has at least two deflector rings which are arranged concentrically with respect to one another about a common axis of rotation. The deflector rings are arranged without axial and radial contact with one another. At least two annular radial fins which are axially adjacent to one another are formed on the first of the deflector rings. The radial fins are either formed integrally with the deflector ring from a single material or are secured to the deflector ring. The radial fins are positioned freely opposite one another in the axial direction of the seal and at their bases on the deflector ring merge axially into one another to form a collection channel.--

Page 10, first paragraph:

-- - The radial dimension of the annular gap (gap width) which opens out into the surrounding environment is smaller than the radial dimension of the annular gap which follows it in the seal. The gap dimension of an annular gap which follows it in turn is larger than that of any subsequent annular gap which may follow it in the axial direction.—

Page 14, first paragraph:

-- At the axial front end, the seal 1 is closed off from the surrounding environment 16 by means of the deflector ring 2 and the front end 17 of the deflector ring 3, so that it is only

accessible via the annular gap 18. The annular gap 18 merges axially into a cavity 19. The cavity 19 is delimited in the axial direction by the radial fins 11 and 12 and in the radial direction by the collection channel 20 and the inner lateral surface 21 on the deflector ring 3. The annular gap 22 is formed between the radial fin 12 and the inner lateral surface 21. The annular gap 22 connects the cavity 19 to a cavity 23. The cavity 23 merges from the collection channel 26 into an annular gap 24. The annular gap 24, between the radial fin 13 and the deflector ring 3, opens out radially into a cavity 25 via a collection channel 31. The collection channel 31 is delimited by a transverse fin 59 which runs around the axis of rotation 6. The transverse fin 59 is produced from a different material than the second deflector ring 3 and is fixed to the latter.--